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Examiner Daftuar,

Here is a proposed agenda for our telephonic interview on March 16, 2010, at 11:00 a.m. EST.

Thank you,

Eric Jensen

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Agenda

1. Neither Johnson nor St. Pierre discloses the identification of a realm. The PTO concedes this deficiency of Johnson, but asserts that St. Pierre discloses this feature. The PTO asserts that St. Pierre's ability to discover devices constitutes a realm. However, Applicant's recited realm is in addition to the presentation of device identifiers. Thus, Applicants' claim 1 requires at least 1) the receipt and selection of a realm, 2) the entry of a password associated with the realm, and 3) after which device identifiers are identified. The PTO, in essence, uses device identifiers to meet both the limitations of the realm and the device identifiers.

Claims for discussion

11. (Previously Presented) A method of operating a first device, the method comprising:

 broadcasting a signal from the first device operative to be received by one or more second devices, the signal including a request for a location identifier identifying a realm of which the one or more second devices is a member;

 receiving, at the first device, at least one location identifier from the one or more second devices in response to the request;

 selecting, at the first device, at least one desired location identifier from the at least one location identifier received from the one or more second devices in response to the request;

 transmitting from the first device a password associated with the at least one desired location identifier; and

 in response to transmitting the password associated with the at least one desired location identifier, receiving at the first device at least one device identifier identifying a device that is a member of the realm identified by the at least one desired location identifier.